(c) Government of Gujarat has agreed to provide incentives for the said project. However, final decision regarding financial assistance has not yet been taken.

(d) The project is likely to start in early 1994 and the production is likely to commence in the latter half of 1995.

(e) The production is likely to be between 10,000 to 15,000 nos. per annum initially.

Joint ventures between Israel and Gujarat

62. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat State Corporations, led by the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (GAIC) have entered into Strategic tie-ups with leading Israel companies for setting up Joint ventures in the State ;

(b) if so, what are the total joint ventures that Gujarat and Israel have agreed to undertake ;

(c) whether any final decision in this regard has already been taken ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Government are not aware of any such tie-ups.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to part (a) above, question does not arise.

Foreign investment in Gujarat

63. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Gujarat has pointed out to the Central Government that pull-out from the Salt Project in the State has affected the flow of foreign investment in the State ;

(b) if so, whether during the period from January to August, 1993, the total foreign direct investment cases approved were of Rs. 345.83 Crs. or 6.46 per cent of the aggregate investment Projects worth Rs. 5,356 Crs. were cleared ;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government in this regard ;

(d) what are the details of total number of investment plans cleared by the Centre in respect of Gujarat ;

(e) whether Gujarat is the only State which has taken highest lead in foreign investment proposals ; and

(f) if so, what are the total proposals that are agreed and are under implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Government are not aware of any such statement.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a), question does not arise.

(d) to (f) Foreign collaboration approvals are intended only to determine the terms and conditions of collaboration and therefore, these approvals do not usually indicate location of the industries. Consequently, state-wise break-up of these approvals are not centrally maintained.

Panel on industrial issues for North-Eastern States

64. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision was taken by Government to set up a Panel to go into the industrially related issue concerning the North-Eastern region and Sikkim at a meeting of the officials of the Central Government and North-Eastern States ;

(b) if so, the issues involved and by when does Government expect to receive the report of the Panel ;

(c) whether any time limit has been laid down for the Panel in this regard to submit its report; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) In a Meeting held on 27-9-1993 for discussing various issues concerning industrial development of North Eastern Region and Sikkim in New Delhi, it was agreed that in consultation with the concerned Departments, a Working Group may be constituted for promoting industrialisation in the region. Steps are being taken in this regard.

65. [Transferred to 6th December, 1993]

Further Disinvestment in P.S.Us.

66. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is plan for further disinvestment in the Central Government Public Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details of the disinvestments already undergone and the quantum of disinvestment planned for the future;

(c) what are the reasons for the disinvestment;

(d) whether Government have ensured that the benefit of the disinvestment accrues to the public sector undertakings and not to the share brokers or middlemen; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (e) Industrial Policy Statement and Budget Speeches have already announced the purpose and policies of disinvesment of PSU shares. The Budget Speech of 1993-94 also has announced the Government intention to mobilise Rs. 3500 crores by way of disinvestment of PSU shares. Broadly these announcements indicate raising of non-inflationary resources and for wider participation of holdings. The budget allocations are made depending on the priority of the areas and public enterprises are allotted money from the consolidated Fund, which cater for their modernisation, expansion of for further setting up of new enterprises. Details of disinvestment made during 1991-92 and 1992-93 are given in the statement I and II.

Statement—I

List of PSEs whose shares have been Disinvested in 1991-92

Sl. No.	Name of the PSE	No. of shares sold (in lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Hindustan Petroleum Corpan. Ltd.	127.68
2	Indian Railway Construction Co. Ltd.	0.13
3	Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn	3.34
4	Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	100.00
5	Bharat Earthmovers Ltd.	60.00
6	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	120.00
7	State Trading Corpn.	23.98
8	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	489.52
9	Shipping Corpn. of India	522.46
10	Indian Petrochemicals Corpn. Ltd.	372.00